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Benson Family fonds

1981.003, 2020.004

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1981.003, etc.   **Benson Family Fonds**   1897-1979
Access: Open.   Textual, Graphic   0.02 meters

Title: Benson Family fonds

Dates of Creation: 1897-1979

Physical Description: 1 cm of textual records and 1 cm of photographs

Biographical Sketch:

Dorothy Adeline Benson (nee McLean) was born in Kamloops, B.C. on April 16, 1897, the daughter of Alexander McLean and Margaret (Cesaire) McLean. She married Herman O. Benson on September 12, 1914, with whom she had two daughters (Beryl Spiers and Dorothy McEwan) and one son (Stanley). Dorothy Adeline Benson died in Kamloops, B.C. on January 7, 1977 at age 80.

Herman O. Benson was born on March 16, 1892 in Oklahoma. He was married to Dorothy Adeline McLean on September 12, 1914, with whom he had two daughters (Beryl Spiers and Dorothy McEwan) and one son (Stanley). Herman O. Benson died on January 12, 1964 in Colville, Washington.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists predominantly of funerary records and ephemera related to Dorothy Adeline Benson and Herman O. Benson, as well as their marriage certificate. Also included in the fonds are a baptismal certificate for Dorothy Adeline McLean, a funeral record for Beulah Ellen White, and photographs of the Benson family.

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Custodial History:

Records from accession 1981.003 were donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on January 12, 1981 by Dorothy McEwan, the daughter of Herman O. and Dorothy Adeline Benson. Photographs from this accession were initially removed and placed in the Photograph Collection by former KMA staff. Records were brought back together during reprocessing in 2020. In the file with the photographs from accession 1981.003 were two duplicate negatives of a photograph, which was assumed to be related to the Benson Family. Negatives were summarily accessioned in 2020 during reprocessing as accession 2020.004.

Notes:

Source of supplied title: Title based on contents of fonds.

Arrangement: Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist.

Access restrictions: No restrictions on access. The archivist reserves the right to restrict access to any fragile material for preservation purposes.

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Finding aids: File list is available for this collection.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Treatment note: One tintype (a) from 1981.003.002 was removed from the frame box due to looseness and placed in an archival envelope. Photographs from 1981.003.003 were removed from bound booklet (loose) and placed in an archival envelope.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Location
1981.003.001	Golden Memories – File contains a funeral record booklet for Beulah Ellen White. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1979	1
1981.003.002	Tintype – File contains two tintype photographs of Fred and Ida Connine in a wooden frame box. – 2 tintype photographs	[ca. 1800s]	Special Photo Collection
1981.003.003	In Memoriam – File contains a funeral record for Dorothy Adeline Benson, along with photographs from the Benson family. Photographs are largely unidentified. – 0.25 cm of textual records and 9 b&w photographs	[1900s]-1977	2, Photo Collection
1981.003.004	Mrs. Dorothy Benson – File contains a photograph of Dorothy Benson with a horse and covered wagon. – 1 colour photograph	1963	Photo Collection
1981.003.005-007	Certificates – File contains a marriage certificate for Herman Benson and Dorothy McLean, a certificate of Baptism for Dorothy Adeline McLean, and a copy of a death certificate for Dorothy Adeline Benson. – 3 textual records	1897-1978	3
1981.003.008-009	Remembrance Cards – File contains remembrance cards for Herman O. Benson and Dorothy Adeline (Lee) Benson, and a newspaper clipping with an obituary for Dorothy Benson. – 2 textual records	1964-1977	4
1981.003.010	Bill for funeral services from Schoening Funeral Service (1961) Ltd. – File contains a bill from Schoening Funeral Service Ltd. for the funeral of Dorothy Benson. – 2 textual records	January 11, 1978	5
1981.003.011	Flower cards – File contains nine flower cards from the funeral of Dorothy Benson and an envelope. – 10 textual records	1977	6
1981.003.012	Receipt from Schoening Funeral Services (1961) Ltd. – File contains a receipt from Schoening Funeral Services Ltd. for the funeral of Dorothy Benson. – 1 textual record	January 10, 1978	7

1981.003.013	List of funeral attendees – File includes a list of funeral attendees and an envelope. – 2 textual records	1977	8
1981.003.014	Sympathy card – File contains a sympathy card. – 1 textual record	1977	9
1981.003.015	Addresses of mourners – File contains a list with addresses of mourners. – 1 textual record	1977	13
2020.004	Negatives of an unknown woman – File contains two duplicate negatives of a woman believed to be a member of the Benson family. – 2 b&w negatives	[1800s?]	Photo Collection